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TAGS: PGOV PINT PO  
SUBJECT: MANUEL ALEGRE SAYS SOCIALISTS HAPPY WITH THEIR  
MARRIAGE

SUMMARY: SOARES CONFIDANT AND STATE SECRETARY MANUEL ALEGRE  
SAID THE PS RANK AND FILE HAD ACCEPTED THE GOVERNMENTAL  
ALLIANCE WITH THE CDS WITH FEW PROBLEMS. ALEGRE DID NOT  
BELIEVE THE COMMUNISTS WOULD ESCALATE THEIR VERBAL ATTACK  
AGAINST THE NEW GOVERNMENT INTO AN OPEN CONFRONTATION.  
THE SOCIALISTS WERE PREPARED TO MEET THE COMMUNISTS WITH A  
CARROT AND STICK. SOARES HAS DECIDED UPON 90 PERCENT OF THE  
NEW GOVERNMENT WHICH SHOULD BE SWORN-IN JAN 27 OR 28.  
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END SUMMARY.

1. A HAPPY MARRIAGE: DURING JAN 24 LUNCH WITH  
CHARGE, SOARES CONFIDANT MANUEL ALEGRE MADE THE FOLLOWING  
POINTS. BASED ON PRELIMINARY SOUNDINGS BY PARTY  
LEADERS THROUGHT THE COUNTRY, THE SOCIALIST PARTY  
RANK AND FILE REACTED WELL TO THE ALLIANCE WITH THE CDS.

ALEGRE SAID THERE HAVE ONLY BEEN A HANDFUL OF PS DEFECTIONS.  
ALEGRE CALLED THE CENTER DEMOCRATIC ROLE IN GOVERNMENT  
AN IMPORTANT STIMULUS TO PRIVATE AND FOREIGN INVESTMENT.

2. COMMUNIST OFFENSIVE: ALEGRE SAID THE COMMUNISTS ARE  
ENGAGED IN A VERBAL OFFENSIVE AGAINST THE NEW GOVERNMENT,  
BUT THEIR CONTROL OF WORKERS IS NOT SUFFICIENT TO CARRY  
OFF MASSIVE PROTEST STRIKES. ALEGRE SAID THE  
SOCIALISTS WILL USE A "CARROT AND STICK" APPROACH WITH  
THE COMMUNISTS--READY TO SUPPRESS ANY ILLEGAL ACTIONS,  
BUT ALSO READY TO TALK WHEN THE COMMUNISTS DECIDE TO  
BE REASONABLE.

3. GOVERNMENT NEARLY SET: ALEGRE SAID THAT MARIO SOARES  
HAD DECIDED UPON 90 PERCENT OF THE NEW CABINET. THE  
PS WILL HEAD PRINCIPLE MINISTRIES -- INTERIOR, JUSTICE,  
AND FINANCE (VICTOR CONSTANCIO), BUT WILL SEND  
SALGADO ZENHA, JORGE CAMPINOS, AND ALEGRE BACK TO PARTY WORK,  
STRENGTHENING THE INTERNAL PS STRUCTURE. ALEGRE SAID  
JUSTICE MINISTER ALMEIDA SANTOS WILL BE NAMED MINISTER  
WITHOUT PORTFOLIO AND ASSISTANT TO THE PRIME MINISTER FOR  
ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGAL MATTERS. ADDITIONAL REASON FOR  
KEEPING SOCIALIST LUMINARIES OUT OF CABINET IS THAT IT MAKES  
IT EASIER FOR PS TO SAY NO TO CDS LEADERS. AS OF NOW ONLY  
BASILIO HORTA IS SLATED TO ENTER NEW CABINET.

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